(b) how much amount has been paid to each hospital since 1st May, 2005 if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action Government had taken against the officials concerned who had delayed the payment to hospitals which has forced them not to attend the C.G.H.S. beneficiaries in emergency on account of inordinate delay in their payment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

Action against mal-administration in Government Hospitals

393. SHRI ABU SALIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the 29th October, 2005, after three bomb blasts in the Capital of the country, the sufferers has to wait for hours and were not provided necessary treatement in a large number of Government Hospitals in the Capital; and

(b) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken against such a mal-administration in the hospital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) All victims/ sufferers of bomb blast incidents of 29.10.05 who were brought the Central Government Hospitals were immediately attended/admitted and provided treatment as needed. Senior Officers of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and the Directorate General of Health Services were constantly monitoring the situation in the Hospitals.

Female foeticide in Punjab

394. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that rate of female foeticide in Punjab is much higher than in other States;